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North Cottonwood Irrigation & Water Co
Aaron F Richards
844 W 100 N
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Dear Mr. Richards:

Re: Weber River Sys., Account 61-61

Our records indicate the distribution assessments associated with your water right on the above distribution system have not been paid for at least two years. **YOUR ACCOUNT 61-61 IS CURRENTLY DELINQUENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$317.67** which includes current and previous years' assessments and delinquent penalties.

The water user assessments are used to pay the salary of the water commissioner and the actual operating expenses of the distribution system as required by law (Sec. 73-5-1 of the Utah Code Annotated, 1953 as amended). The budget for these items is set at the annual distribution system meeting.

The existence of the distribution system and the presence of a water commissioner assure the orderly distribution of water according to the established priority schedules. The payment of your distribution assessment is important to the continued operation of the distribution system.

The law states that upon failure to pay the assessment the State Engineer may forbid the use of water. To avoid the need for the action, **YOU ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO PAY THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE WITHIN 14 DAYS.** If payment is not received within that period, this matter will be turned over to the Attorney General's office for collection. If legal action is necessary, you will be required to pay legal costs for prosecution and collection of the unpaid assessment. We hope these steps will not be necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (801) 538-7380 or John Larsen at (801) 538-7431.

Sincerely,

Lee H. Sim, P.E.

Assistant State Engineer
for Adjudication and Distribution

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